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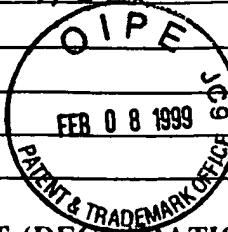
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))—INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled MULTI-BRANCH FITTING AND METHOD OF FABRICATING

described in

the specification filed herewith.  
 application serial no. 0 / \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
 patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

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*\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention availing to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27).*

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DECLARATION, PETITION AND POWER OF  
ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As below inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names,

We believe we are the original, first and sole inventors (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MULTI-BRANCH FITTING AND METHOD OF FABRICATING, the specification of which

X is attached hereto  
\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: X None

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Mon/Yr filed)	Yes	No

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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Your petitioners, JERRY C. SOCIER, a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of 655 North Southeast Boutell, Bay City, Michigan 48708, whose post office address is 655 North Southeast Boutell, Bay City, Michigan 48708, ROGER R. FELSKE, a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of 812 Russell, Bay City, Michigan 48708, whose post office address is 812 Russell, Bay City, Michigan 48708, and ALLAN R. BADOUR, a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of 825 East Cass Avenue, Munger, Michigan 48747, whose post office address is 825 East Cass Avenue, Munger, Michigan 48747, pray that Letter Patent may be granted to them for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the accompanying specification and claims.

As named inventors, we hereby appoint John J. Swartz, 908 Court Street, Saginaw, Michigan, 48602, Registration No. 24,626, our attorney to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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